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MR. EZRA RIPLEY THAYER, A.M., LL.B., became Dean of the Law School and Dane Professor of Law on the first of September. Dean Thayer was born in 1866, received the degrees of A.B. from Harvard in 1888, and of LL.B. from the Law School in 1891. While in the Law School he served for two years upon the Editorial Board of this Review. He was formerly Lecturer on Massachusetts Practice in the Law School and was a member of the firm of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer, and Thayer of Boston. Himself the son of the late James Bradley Thayer, for thirty years Professor in the Law School, he brings to the duties of his high office the best to be gleaned from the traditions and training of the Law School, and from the experience of the New England Bar.

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HON. JEREMIAH SMITH, LL.D., resigned the Story Professorship of Law on the first of September. Born in 1837, a graduate of Harvard College in 1856, for seven years a justice of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, an honor he attained at the age of thirty, twenty successive classes in the Law School retain the stamp of contact with his broadly trained legal mind, and with his upright and unselfish personality. This Review takes the occasion to acknowledge to him as one of its most valued contributors the debt of gratitude of a score of Editorial Boards for unflinching advice and assistance, and for numberless courtesies.

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MR. ROSCOE POUND, PH.D., has been appointed Story Professor of Law. Professor Pound was born in 1870, graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1888, and studied for one year at this Law School with marked distinction. He has taught law in the University of Nebraska,

Northwestern University, and the University of Chicago, having in addition served for some years as Dean of the Law Department of the first-named institution. His work on the Supreme Court Commission of Nebraska from 1901 to 1903 added supplementary honors to his well-established renown as a teacher; while his services on such committees as the Committee on Reform of Procedure are familiar to all those in touch with this important branch of the work of the American Bar Association. Friends of the Law School will welcome the addition to its Faculty of a scholar widely known for his contributions to the fields of natural science and of the theory and the practice of the law.

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FOURTH-YEAR COURSE. — A Fourth-Year Course leading to the degree of Doctor of Law has been added to the Law School curriculum. This degree will be conferred upon graduates of the Law School, or of other schools qualified to be members of the Association of American Law Schools upon one year's residence after receiving the Bachelor's degree. "To be admitted as candidate for the degree of Doctor of Law, a student must be qualified to enter the Law School as candidate for the Bachelor's degree, and must have completed the course for Bachelor of Laws with high rank." He must pass "with distinguished excellence examinations upon courses open to fourth-year students requiring in the aggregate ten hours of lectures a week during the entire year; and in such courses must be included the course in Roman Law and the Principles of the Civil Law, and courses aggregating at least two hours of lectures a week from the courses offered exclusively to students in the fourth year."

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THE LAW SCHOOL. — The Law School opened with an unprecedented number of changes in the curriculum. Professor Wambaugh's course on International Law and Professor Beale's course on Jurisprudence have been made fourth-year courses. New courses offered for the fourth year are a course on Roman Law by Professor Pound, a course on Administrative Law by Professor Wyman, and a course on the History of the Common Law by Professor Beale. In the programme of instruction for the first three years, Dean Thayer will conduct the courses on Torts and on Evidence. Professor Pound will conduct the courses on Equity for both the second and third years, and also the course on Quasi-Contracts. Professor Gray will have charge of the course on Property for the second year, and will be assisted by his son, Mr. Roland Gray, A.B., LL.B., 1898, a former editor of this Review, who has been appointed Lecturer on the Law of Property. Mr. Austin Wakeman Scott, A.B., LL.B., 1909, a former editor of this Review, who has been appointed Assistant Professor of the Law, will conduct the courses on Trusts and on Civil Procedure at Common Law, and will also assist Professor Beale in the course on Criminal Law. Mr. Joseph Warren will assist Professor Wambaugh in the course on Agency. Mr. Allan Reuben Campbell, A.B., LL.B., 1902, a former editor of this Review, who has been appointed Lecturer on New York Practice, will conduct the course of that name. The remainder of the curriculum is substantially unchanged.